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Subject: RE: CompTox and the WV spill

Yup, we actually have been talking about it. Homeland and CSS were consulted by OW on the spill.

However, we were asked not to pitch to media. OW is the lead.

But we have shared info.

Good thinking though...exactly what I was thinking about since Friday.....

Thanks for sharing the article. We heard about it this morning but I haven't heard the story.

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Hi Lahne,

I don't know if someone has already thought of this or if this would be your purview, but are we doing anything to promote our computational toxicology research in connection with the spill in West Virginia? NPR mentioned this morning that an EPA-developed computer model was used to assess risk from the MCHM.

The article is here: <http://www.npr.org/2014/01/13/262185930/mysteries-persist-surrounding-west-virginia-chemical-spill>

"There are 85,000 chemicals in commerce right now in the United States, and we cannot possibly test all the chemicals for all their different properties," says [Rolf Halden](#), an engineering professor at Arizona State University who researches how chemicals move through the environment and people.

Halden used a computer model from the Environmental Protection Agency to calculate how this chemical would behave in the environment.

Anyway, it was a thought I had.

Thanks,

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